
BURA Newsletter

Brock University Retirees' Association

April 2024

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Member News



In Memoriam



In sorrow, and with respect, BURA observes the passing of the following members:

Ruth Eleanor Rae, November 18, 2023
Terrance Carroll, January 20, 2024

Know of any major events in the lives of our BURA colleagues and friends?

PLEASE let our membership facilitator know of any major life changes you wish to share. Contact: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

New BURA Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new member:

Sharon Lawler, *Health Sciences*

Robert Ogilvie, *Psychology*

John Suk, *Board of Trustees for Brock University*

Avoid missing out on BURA Newsletters and Event Notices

MAKE sure we are kept apprised of any revisions to your e-mail or home address. Please email any changes to: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

Past Events

BURA Holiday Celebration

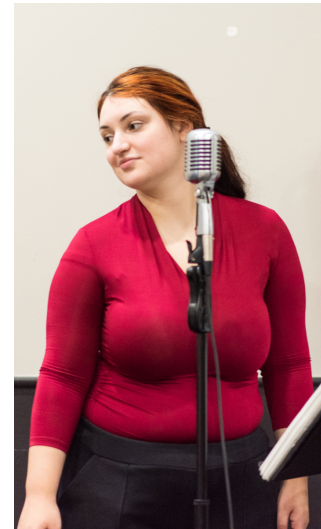
with *Don Cyr and Sophia DeLuca*
and *Ken Balbar on Drums*



Ken Balbar



Don Cyr



Sophia DeLuca

Pre-Valentine's Day Movie Matinée and Lunch at the *Niagara Artists Centre*

OUR February event was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at the Niagara Artists Centre on St. Paul Street in downtown St. Catharines. Following a delicious lunch, catered by Mahtay Café (a change from the originally announced caterer), BURA attendees repaired to NAC's "micro-cinema" (pictured) which features a variety of comfortable seating ...and free popcorn!

Since it was the day before Valentine's Day, a rom-com was the feature attraction. *Rye Lane* (director Raine Allen-Miller, UK, 2023) has received 98% positive reviews on the review aggregator *Rotten Tomatoes*, which summarizes the critics' consensus as "Good news, rom-com fans: Anyone looking for a smart, funny, and heartwarming new addition to the canon can find it waiting on *Rye Lane*." BURA members attending the film also gave it overwhelmingly positive reviews, although the use of subtitles may have helped!



NAC cinema-lounge

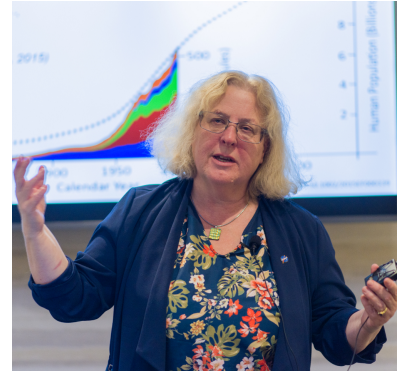
—Nicolas Baxter-Moore

The Anthropocene

with *Francine McCarthy*

FRANCINE McCarthy described the work that went into submitting Crawford Lake as the location for the “Golden Spike” that defines the beginning of the Anthropocene epoch. A core from the bottom of the lake has a structure that enables one to date the strata. The buildup of plutonium in the sediment is taken as the start, because plutonium is essentially a man-made element.

On March 5th, the New York Times reported that a committee of roughly two dozen scholars has, by a large majority, voted down a proposal to declare the start of the Anthropocene, a newly created epoch of geologic time, according to an internal announcement of the voting results.



Francine McCarthy

The 2024 Total Solar Eclipse in Southern Ontario

with *Barak Shoshany*

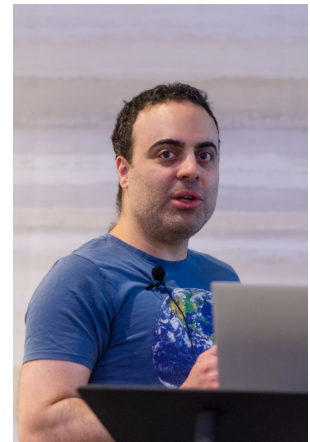
BARAK Shoshany discussed solar eclipses in the context of astronomy, physics, history, and more. He explained about the different types of eclipses, why they are so rare, and what you can expect to see during an eclipse. He also talked specifically about the upcoming total solar eclipse which will be seen from St. Catharines and other regions in Canada, and how to watch it.

Barak illustrated what to expect by running a good simulation that can be found at:

<https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse-simulator/>

He also provided a detailed timeline for St. Catharines. This information can be found at:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/in/canada/st-catharines/>



Barak Shoshany

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Brock University Update

with *Lesley Rigg*

at the *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts*

LESLEY RIGG, Brock University's President and Vice-Chancellor, will report on the latest developments at Brock. We thank Brock University for sponsoring this event.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, 5 Artists' Common, St. Catharines*

May 14, 2024

Changing Face of Agri-business in Niagara

with *Charles Conteh*

at the *Holiday Inn*

CHARLES Conteh is a Professor of Political Science at Brock University and the Director of the Niagara Community Observatory at Brock University.

Event Details:

Time : 12:00pm for lunch

Venue: *Holiday Inn, 327 Ontario St, St. Catharines*

Volunteers Needed

THIS is an interesting and rewarding activity where small groups work together to organize events and complete other BURA activities. The Executive can always use new volunteers, whose talents and ideas are needed. Contact David Siegel or any current member of the Executive for more information.

Please let us know by e-mail to:

David Siegel dsiegel@brocku.ca

May 22, 2024
Annual General Meeting
on *Zoom*

YOUR participation in the AGM is important. It provides support and guidance for our BURA Executive in its role of enriching the lives of our members.

Prior to the AGM event, you will receive Package #1: Notice of the AGM. That notice will come to you by email on April 15th, or it will arrive by regular mail (mailed out March 24th for some members). The package will contain the agenda, proposed constitutional changes, proposed Executive slate (if available at this time), and RSVP request.

Later, on April 24th, your AGM Package #2 will be emailed out, and also will be sent out, by regular mail, for some. This package will contain the updated agenda with motions, reports, the unapproved minutes from the May 18th, 2023 AGM, the absentee voting form, as well as the proposed Executive slate (if not available for package #1).

Event Details:

Time : 10:00am

Venue: *Zoom*,

Are you 90 years of age or will you turn 90 in the next year?

YOU qualify for our **I'm 90 Birthday Club**, and your membership is free forever! (The change to free membership was discussed and unanimously approved at a past Executive meeting for anyone 90+.)

Contribute to the BURA Newsletter!

THE BURA Newsletter continues to publish three times a year — the first week of September, December and April. Your contributions may include reports, notices of events, travelogues and photos, humour, poetry, and other information of interest to members. Send your submissions to:

Ronald Ogawa rbgabadh@gmail.com

Please let us know by e-mail to:

Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

June 5, 2024
Barbeque at Pond Inlet
with *Caitlin Miller*
at the *Pond Inlet, Brock University*

CAITLIN Miller is a Niagara local singer & songwriter who has been performing at various live venues since 2019. In 2023 she graduated from the University of Windsor with a BFA in Acting.

Her styles range from 60's era tunes, to contemporary music and originals. From rock, to pop, to country, folk and indie, Caitlin performs something for everyone to enjoy, on acoustic guitar with accompanied singing.

Event Details:

Time : 12:00pm for lunch

Venue: *Pond Inlet*, Brock University,

: 1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines



Caitlin Miller

BURA Coffee Club

following dates at the *Ostin's Restaurant*

April 19, 2024

May 16, 2024

June 18, 2024

GOOD news! The monthly coffee club will continue to be in-person gatherings this spring at *Ostin's Restaurant*, 327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, starting at 9:30am. Please save the above dates. We hope to see you there!

Other Events

Lunch and the Shaw Festival

Brock University Retirees' Ninth Autumn Outing in Niagara-on-the-Lake

September 13, 2024

Lunch and

Matinee Performance of *My Fair Lady* at the Shaw Festival Theatre

Based on the play *Pygmalion* by Bernard Shaw, it's the story of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl caught in the middle of a bet between Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics and Colonel Pickering, a fellow linguist.

With unforgettable songs such as "On the Street Where You Live", "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" *My Fair Lady* is one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

We have taken advantage again of the Special Matinee Seniors Group rate available to the end of January and have reserved 40 of the best Festival Theatre seats possible at time of booking. This outing has been a popular event with BURA members over the years. We hope that those who have participated in the past and those who haven't will consider joining us in the future.

Lunch and registration information will be available at a future date.

These tickets will be allocated as per request and as reservations and payments were received.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30 am for lunch at noon

Venue:

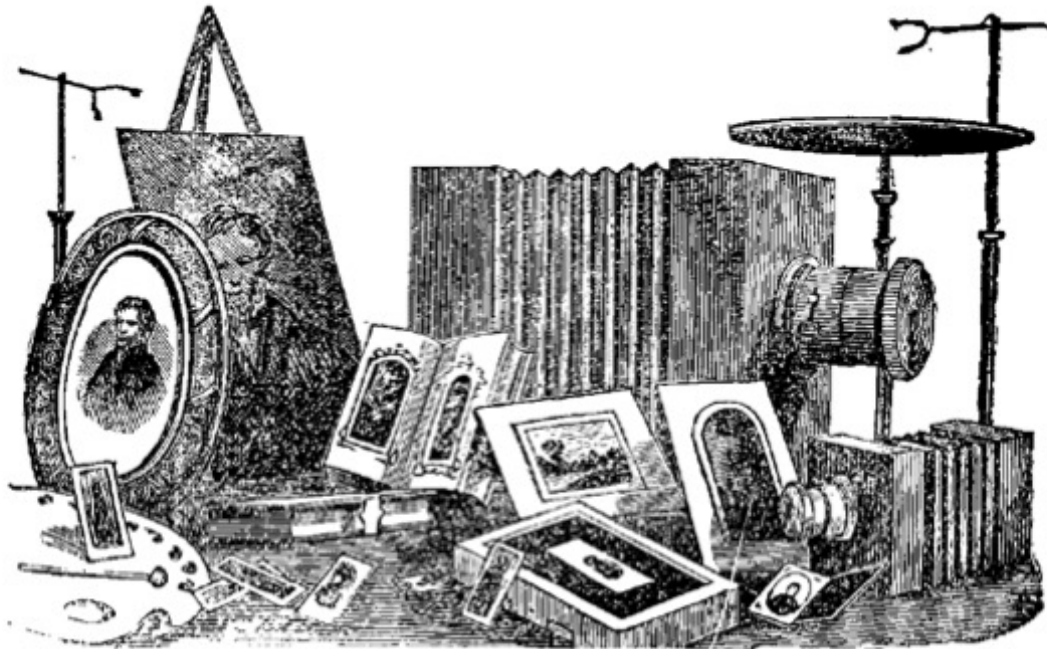
Cost :

Time : 2:00 pm

Venue: *Shaw Festival Theatre*, 10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost :

The Historical Society of St. Catharines
is pleased to present
Will MacEachern
Collections Technician -- Photography,
St. Catharines Museum
presenting an illustrated talk:



“Edwin Poole, Master Photographer”

**Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
at the St. Catharines Museum at Lock 3**

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., a brief Society meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.,
lecture follows immediately after that meeting.
All are Welcome. Free Admission.